

Among those recognized by the Board for their outstanding achievements were (from left) Brandi Citchen, silver medalist at Michigan's HOSA competition; Brenda Finley, HOSA finalist; LaKishia Smith, HOSA silver medalist; Phillip Roscoe, Eagle Scout badge recipient; Arlennea Savage, first-chair flutist for the Romulus Middle School Symphonic Band; and RMS Band Director Mark Fernandez, whose Concert and Symphonic bands received first-division ratings. *See page 6 for additional photo.*

Letter to the Editor

Ex-coach Says Thanks for Support

I would like to thank all the people in Romulus who supported my basketball teams and me over the last nine years.

To all my past players, thank you for your hard work and loyalty to our coaching staff, our program, and me. You fine young men were the reason our program was very highly rated in the state.

I would also like to give special thanks to Jesse Meriweather, my athletic director and friend, for his loyalty and his courage to stand up for what he believed was right. To Paula Smith, our athletic secretary: I can never thank you enough for all of your kindness and assistance.

Thanks to Dan Hurst, Principal of Romulus High School, and Al Wilkerson, Principal of Community High School, who were two of our biggest supporters when we won and when we lost.

Thanks to all of the coaches who always gave me words of encouragement and thanks to all of the custodial personnel, especially Bill Garland and Alvin Dupree, who were always there when I needed their help.

To all the people who felt that they should attack my coaching ability and my character, I say only this:

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satisfaction,

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There beyond the barriers erected,
There beyond the scalding sarcasm
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expectations,

Far beyond the continual envy,
Far beyond the lustful pursuits,
Far beyond the venomous lies,
Beyond the precious self-esteem,
Beyond ... I saw my Soul.

"I sent my Soul through the Invisible,
Some letter of that After-life to spell:
And by and by my Soul return'd to me,
And answer'd 'I Myself am Heav'n
and Hell.'"

— *The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam*

In closing, let me just say that, for the most part, I very much enjoyed my coaching days at Romulus, and I wish good fortune in the future to everyone who supported our program.

Remembering you always,
Coach Guy Del Giudice ☐

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Chemical Awareness Week: May 5-11

By Margaret Leduc, Director, Emergency Management, City of Romulus

Chemicals are a natural and important part of our environment. Even though we often don't think about it, we use chemicals every day. They can be found in our kitchens, medicine cabinets, basements, and garages, as well as at work. Chemicals help us keep our food fresh and our bodies clean. They help our plants grow and fuel our cars. Chemicals keep our household machines running. Chemicals make it possible for us to live longer, healthier lives.

A chemical emergency arises when chemicals are used improperly or are spilled accidentally. Some chemicals that are safe, and even helpful in small amounts, can be harmful in larger quantities or under unsafe conditions. Most chemical accidents occur in our homes and they can be prevented. Incidents at the workplace or in transportation to the workplace also can be prevented or contained.

Read the label. Information about potentially dangerous products can be found on their labels. Read the labels carefully. For accidental poisoning, some product labels identify antidotes that involve drinking water or milk to flush your system, while others recommend immediate medical attention. Keep your home stocked with appropriate antidotes for cleaners and germicides, deodorizers, detergents, drain and bowl bleaches, liquid fuels, and paint removers and thinners. At work, employers must keep relevant Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS's) in a location where employees can review them. MSDS's have useful information about chemicals used, such as the manufacturer's phone number and safety information.

Keep all medicines out of sight and reach of children. Along with medicines, keep cleaning products and other household chemicals out of sight and reach of children and animals. The most common home chemical emergencies involve small children eating medicines. Children associate the shapes and colors of medicine with candy. Animals are drawn to the sweet smell of anti-freeze. Experts in the field of chemical manufacturing suggest that moving hazardous materials out of sight could eliminate up to 75% of all poisonings of small children.

Store household chemicals properly. Store household chemicals according to the instructions on their labels. Nonfood products should be stored tightly closed in their original containers so that you can always

identify the contents of each container and how to use the product properly. Also note if the product is to be stored away from heat or extreme cold.

Properly store chemicals in the workplace. Remember that labeling storage cabinets in the workplace is as important as labeling the chemicals' individual containers. If a chemical is purchased in a large amount to be repackaged into smaller containers, it is important that the smaller containers be labeled, as well.

Avoid mixing. Some combinations of products, such as ammonia and chlorine bleach, can create toxic gas. Other mixtures of chemicals could create a product that would be an unknown chemical, and therefore the dangers and the antidotes for that chemical also would be unknown.

Always read the directions. This is important before using any product. To avoid inhaling a product's dangerous vapors, do not use it in a confined space, such as a small room. Other products should be used with gloves and eye protection to help prevent chemicals from touching the body. In the workplace, pertinent information will be found not only on the container, but also on the MSDS's.

If you should spill a chemical, clean it up immediately. Use a rag to clean up the spilled chemical and be careful to protect your eyes and skin. Allow the fumes in the rag to evaporate outdoors in a safe place, then dispose of it by wrapping it in newspaper and placing it in a sealed plastic bag. Dispose of these materials with your trash. If a spill happens at the workplace, notify a supervisor who will be able to identify the proper procedures for cleanup.

Buy only as much as you need. Buying smaller amounts eliminates the problem of storing extra. Many companies are now following this procedure. This reduces the amount of product to be reported, stored, and potentially wasted. Companies are also looking at using less hazardous chemicals for their needs.

Purchase and learn how to use an A-B-C rated fire extinguisher. Should chemicals ignite, you will have an opportunity to extinguish the fire before it spreads, avoiding greater damage.

Keep the phone number for the Poison Control Center near the telephone so that it is readily available in an emergency. The number is 1-800-764-7661.

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Mr. Warren Goes To China

By Steve Jones, Director of Public Relations, City of Romulus

Oliver Warren has seen more of the world than many people can ever claim. England, France, Germany, and Korea are among the countries where Warren has left his footprints in the soil and his imprint on Time. He has also seen more of the world at some of its most dangerous and defining moments in history, which is more than many people might ever have the courage for.

As an Army Engineer assigned to the Combat Battalion — "We Build & Fight" — Oliver Warren saw the beginnings of what became known as the Cold War: the escalating political and border tensions between what was then the USSR and the United States. As a radio operator, he and his unit were ordered to stay at least three miles away from the new, unsafe border of a quickly emerging Soviet satellite: East Germany.

"There was a concern that we could be captured by the Soviets," said Warren. "The Army was very sensitive to having radio personnel so close to the border. The thought was that the Soviets might think we were transmitting into or receiving transmissions from their new territory. That made us prime targets for capture."

Warren's battle against Communist rule later took him from the barricades of East Germany to the Korean War.

There are victories that some warriors must wait for more than a year to celebrate. More than a decade. More than a generation. For Oliver Warren, nearly forty years had to pass for him to see the Berlin Wall — perhaps the most well-known physical manifestation of Communist rule — reduced to rubble in 1989. It was a fine victory for a man who had seen the concrete and barbed-wire border in its terrible infancy.

Now, Oliver Warren is about to embark on a new adventure in yet another country — one that he didn't plan, but is certainly welcome, all the same. Warren is going to China. And Northwest Airlines is paying for him to go.

Along with Geraldine Warren, one of his seven grown children, Warren attended the gala grand opening of the new \$1.2-billion McNamara Terminal at Metro Airport. Before going to the event, his daughter suggested that he leave his trademark pocketful of pens at home.

"She said security was going to be tight," Warren said with a smile, "and that she didn't want all my pens setting off any alarms."

When they arrived at the new terminal, they joined a swell of several thousand other people curious about the new terminal and anxious to fill out entry forms for a free trip.

"Going into the new terminal, I teased my daughter and said, 'See? I don't have my good pens with me. How'm I supposed to fill out an entry form?'"



Oliver Warren

Warren made do with an old, nearly drained plastic pen he managed to slip past his daughter's security systems.

"We were standing there, people crushed together, waiting for Sonny Elliot to announce the winner of the Northwest trip to Beijing, China," Warren recalled. "I turned to my daughter and said, 'He's going to say "Oliver Warren."'" We laughed. Then, less than thirty seconds later, Elliot drew the ticket and said, 'Our winner is Oliver Warren!' People around me were stunned. A couple of them turned to me and said, 'How did you know your name was going to be called?' I just told them that I knew. Some days, a person knows more than they ever thought possible. Guess that was my particular day for knowing."

Warren will be taking a Northwest flight to China later this year.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the Forbidden City and the Great Wall," he said.

While most people might cringe at the thought of having to sit through endless hours of their neighbors' vacation slides and videos, quite a few folks in Warren's home town of Romulus are looking forward to seeing his. Warren was the City of Romulus's Director of Cable TV Services for eleven years and is an accomplished cameraman.

"I'll be taking a much smaller video camera than I'm used to working with," he said with a wry smile.

Warren is not a man given to bragging or boasting. He's a quiet, thoughtful man whose humor can catch a person off guard. Someone whose kindness and generosity has been acknowledged by many in the Romulus community. It is someone like this whom people can look at and, with a sigh of relief, say, "Finally. A good guy wins."

When asked a final question about how he feels going to a land so far away to visit a culture that some might feel is equally distant, Warren gave characteristic, considered thought, then said, "It's a big world out there. It's always nice to get out and see a piece of it."

Bon voyage, Mr. Warren. □

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Student Art Exhibit



(From left) Greg Weaver, Jennifer Sylvester, Marisa Hicks, and Kenya Weaver were among the many proud student artists whose work was exhibited at the Romulus Public Library in April.



More than 125 students and parents – including Krystal Burrell (left) and her mother Vicki – attended a grand opening for the artists and their families.



Other artists: Kelly McGlynn ...



... (from left) Abiola, Yetty, and Rola Emanuel ...



... and Danielle Stephens.



Stephon Edwards (right) proudly showed off his flower drawing to (from left) Kelly McGlynn and Sarah and Katie Orr.



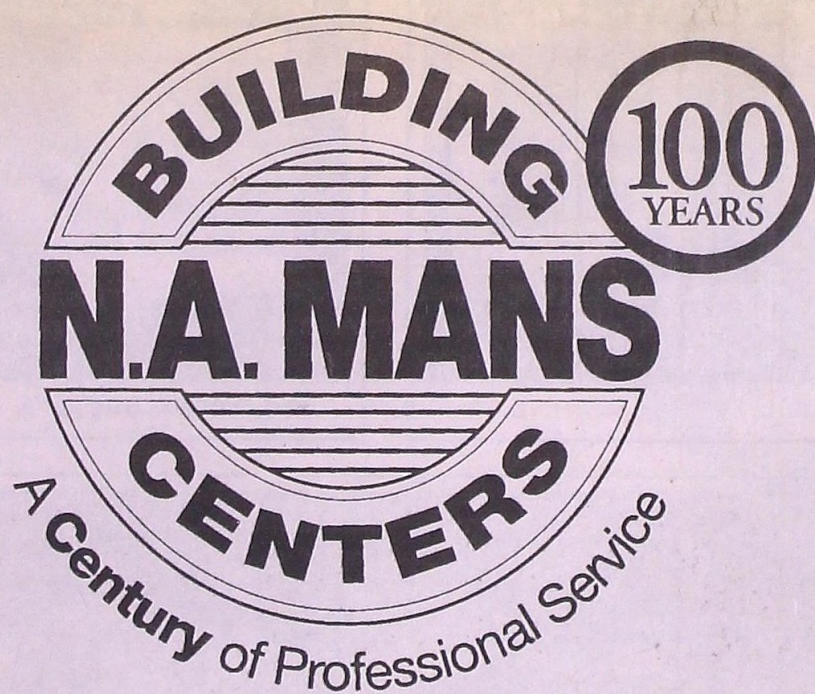
Students Antonio (left) and Ramon Hollis were congratulated by Daria Morones (left) and elementary art teacher Carrie Smith.

Juriga Honored For Achievement



Debbie Juriga (back, left), recently honored with a Board resolution for excellence, made an impressive NCA presentation to the Board along with the following staff members/students (from left): front – Sam Pizzo and Carl Roscoe; middle – Tavia Redmond, Alisa James, Justin Price, Sade Courtney, and Alicia Del Torro; back – Kathy Rice, Lisa Zeleji, Jill Hillis, and Kristen Fuss.

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Community Calendar

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- **Eating Disorder Support Group** – A newly formed support group for people with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive eating meets each Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church (2550 Edsel Drive, off West Road, across from Trenton High School). There is no charge to attend.
- **Youtheatre Offers *Island of the Blue Dolphins*** – Youtheatre's Movin' Up Club (for children age seven and over) will present *Island of the Blue Dolphins* on Saturday, May 4 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), and Sunday, May 5 (2 p.m.), at the Millennium Centre (15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield). Individual tickets are \$8 when purchased in advance; \$10 at the door. Group discounts are available. For more information, please call 248-557-PLAY (7529).
- **Free Rose-growing Seminars** – Great Lakes Roses (located at 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter/Belleville roads in Sumpter Township) invites the public to attend one or more of its upcoming rose-growing seminars, including: **Rose Planting** (Sunday, May 5, at 1 p.m., or Monday, May 6, at 11 a.m.), **Climbing Roses** (Sunday, May 12, at 1 p.m., or Monday, May 13, at 11 a.m.), and **Winter-Hardy Roses for Michigan** (Sunday, May 26, at 1 p.m., or Monday, May 27, at 11 a.m.) Participants are urged to dress for the weather! An optional light lunch may be ordered after the Monday programs. For more information, visit the Great Lakes Roses Web site (www.GreatLakesRoses.com) or call 734-461-1230.
- **Men's Summer Softball** – The Romulus Recreation Department will accept registrations for its summer Sunday Men's Softball league through Tuesday, May 7. For more information, call 734-942-6852.
- **Kentuckians of Michigan To Host Gospel Sing** – The Kentuckians of Michigan will host a Gospel Sing at Liberty Park (located at 28391 Bredow Road in Romulus) on Saturday, May 11. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; a buffet meal will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person; dinner is an additional \$5 per person. Music begins at 7 p.m. and will continue until 10 p.m. For more information, call 734-782-0132.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The African American Experience Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting: May 15) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are welcome. For information about the club or its reading list, call Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during regular business hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Kiddie Fishing Derby** – The Wayne County Department of Parks and Recreation invites youngsters 12 and under to have some fishing fun at Hines Park (Waterford Bend Area, Northville) on Saturday, May 18, between 8 a.m. and noon. The Rouge River will be stocked with rainbow trout and a casting contest will be held. All anglers need to bring their own equipment and bait. Register at the site starting at 7:30 a.m.
- **Romulus Democratic Club** – The Romulus Democratic Club will meet at the UAW Union Hall, Local #174 (29841 Van Born Road), at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 20. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Jack H. Trumble, Club President, at 734-941-3513.
- **Car Wash Benefits St. Aloysius Youth Group** – The Youth Group at St. Aloysius Catholic Church is planning a car wash to raise money for club activities. The event is set for Saturday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the BP Service Station (located at Middlebelt and Eureka roads).
- **Chamber Golf Outing** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host its annual golf-outing/fund-raiser at the Woodlands of Van Buren on Thursday, August 22. For more information, call Chamber Secretary Christine Fortune at 734-326-4290.

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Under Coach Jason Kahler, the Romulus Lacrosse Team is off to an incredible 6-2 start, with a 5-0 record in Division 4 - the division for newly formed teams.

RMS Volleyball Team Undefeated



Members of Romulus Middle School's eighth-grade Mega League Champ volleyball team, which finished the season with a 10-0 record, included (from left): front row - Trisha Silvey (manager), Lindsay Green (manager), Jeanna Jendritz, and Jennifer Hunter; middle row - Jennifer Lammers, Megan Bearman (manager), Jeannie Hayes (manager), Kate Appel, and Lindsay Coughlin; back row - Myeshia Lewis, Doloris Garry, Sharee Poole, Megan Whalen, Landria Buckley, and Ileana Usztics. (Not pictured: Lindsay Beregsasy, Amanda Hollis, and Amanda Ingle.)

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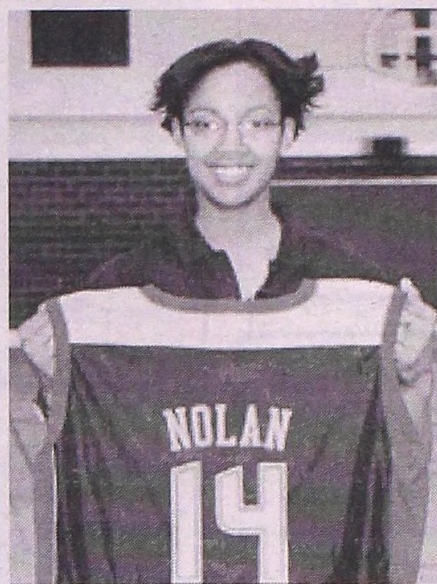


Finishing the season with an impressive 8-2 record were Romulus Middle School seventh-grade volleyball team members (from left): front row - Jessica Mills, Ashley Rose, Leslie Hayes, and Lisa Johnson; middle row - Jennifer Dick, Jessica Dick, Jackie Evanski, Courtney Turner, and Rusty Harris (manager); back row - Gloria Sucharski (manager), Lacey McKiney, Lindsey Hines, Melissa Brewington, and Coach Cindy Bondy. (Not pictured: Megan Brooks, Joy Jendritz, and Erika Wasson.)

Around the District



Aramark representatives Jamie Schwabenlender (left) and Joann Gross recently met with the School Board to discuss their food-service program, presenting proposals for a bigger variety of nutritional foods.



Deanna Nolan of the Detroit Shock enjoyed a recent visit to the Middle School, talking with students and giving away several jerseys.



Wendy's employees Ebony Ware (left) and LaShawn Clayton admire artwork created by a Romulus student. Altogether, three area Wendy's restaurants exhibited more than 200 pieces by Romulus students.



Among those attending Wick Elementary's volunteer breakfast were (from left): front row – Sandi Dotson, Pat Moon, Dian Bills, Debbie Wolford, Lisa Staten, and Celeste Roscoe; back row – Eva Webb, Principal Debbie Juriga, Ursala Rogers, Trish Wands, and Board President Debbie Dick.



Those attending Cory Elementary's recent dinner honoring the school's parent volunteers included (from left) the Reverend Rita Talley, Bola Emanuel, Susan Wallen, Kim Smith, Tanya Cofield, Cheryl Shreve, and Janice Barden.



Enjoying a "Magic of Science" program presented by "Dr. Magic" (Roosevelt Johnson) were Halecreek kindergarten teacher Phyllis Williams and her students (from left): front row – Drew Wilkerson, Jessica New, Kelly Sutton, Chandler Smith, and Taylor Cobb; back row – Keyshan Pope, Shade Abdullah, and Courtney Green.



Halecreek's talent show featured (from left): front row – Derek Kinney, Filmore Bouldes, & Xavier Alexander (basketball tricks); middle row – Brian Jones & Dimitrius Clark (gymnastics) and Jazmyne Jones & Katalyn Rogers (dancing); back row – Kristina Mercier & Jessica Morgan (flute/clarinet), Henry Windham III (trumpet), and Laura Terrell (singing).

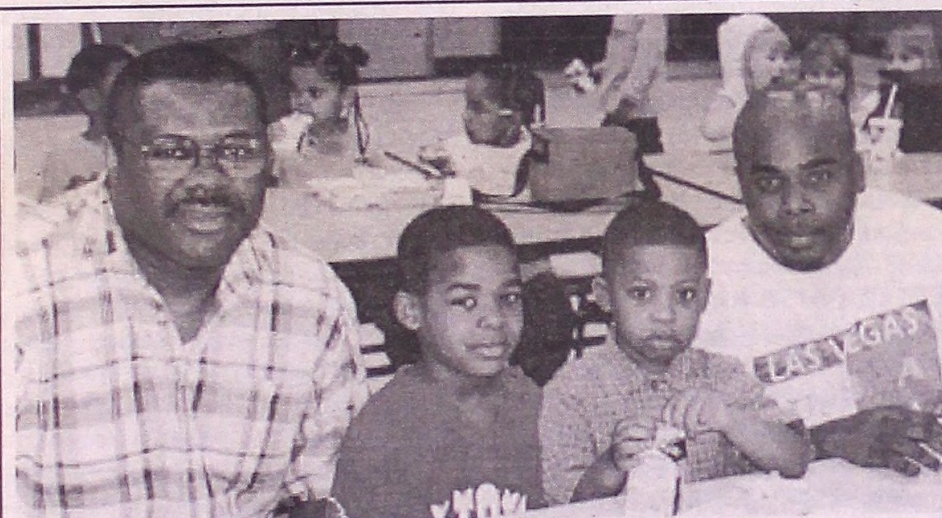
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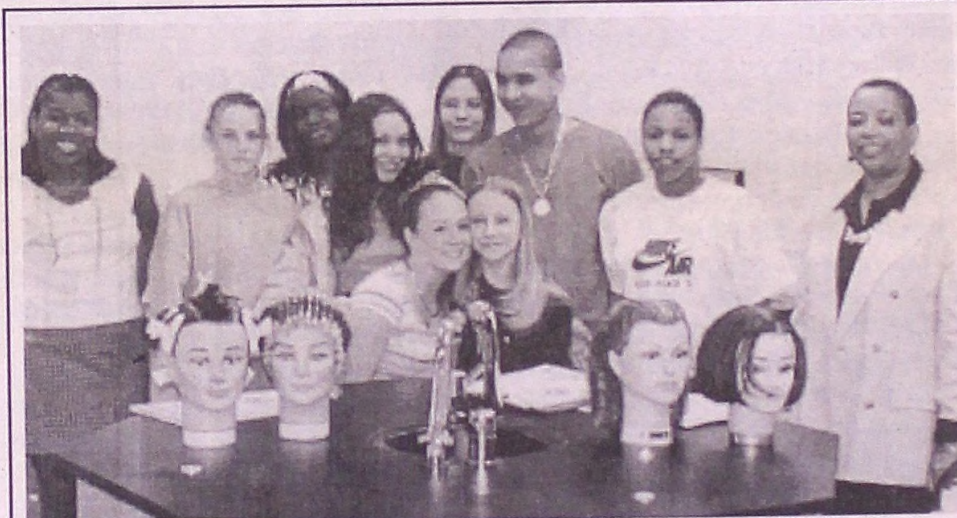
Romulus High School senior Katie Kortas (back, right) involved students from Dorothy West's first-grade class at Wick Elementary in her senior project on animal identification. According to district spokesperson Dick Kruse, each High School senior must complete an English class project in order to graduate.



Doing an Earth Day cleanup at Halecreek were (from left): front row – Katelyn Chapman, Hope Vail, Sabrina Alongi, Kaitlynn McCartney, Zack Huckenstein, Seth Burke, and Katie Orr; back row – Tiffany Conradson, Ashley Gondek, Abigail Tieppo, Thomas Kortas, student teacher Jennifer Williams, Marcel Hunter, Cody Bailey, and Brittney Losacco.



Cory Elementary School's recent "Lunch With Dad" program brought out a large crowd. Those who attended the event included (from left) Cody Barnes and his son Cameron, as well as DeAnte Springer and his dad William.



At Career Fair, cosmetologist Curley Ross (right) talked to Community High students (from left): front row – Denise Wright and Melissa Garrett; middle row – Latanya Taylor, Marsha Conway, Sharon LaRush, Brockley Pyles, and Labena Mobley; back row – Jenna Jones and Diane Williams.



Barth teacher Deborah Street sang "We Are The World" at the school's Heritage Celebration. Making presentations honoring African Americans were: front row – Dakota Kirtley, Rachel Bagley, and Brittany Moore; back row – Aprell Arthur, Rachel Stafford, Andrew Strachan, and Robert Hayes.



Beating the students in a recent volleyball game were Romulus Elementary staffers (from left): front row – Vicki Hicks, Jeff Leucht, Sara Davis, Trish Barthwell, and Lisa Dial; back row – Sarah Metzger, Marjie McAnally, Sarah Rollins, Lisa Ramadanes, Pia Chasney, Regan Wisely, and Sandy Slater.

Romulus Students Honored for Academics, Attendance

Congratulations to the following students whose hard work and dedication earned them a spot on their school's honor roll and/or perfect-attendance list for the third card-marking period of the 2001-2002 school year.

Barth Elementary

ALL A's

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Gursky
Breana Keels, Sheila Watts.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Jastrzab
John Lewkowicz.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Baty
Kourtney Hamilton, Leanna Pioli.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Friebe
Rachel Arthur.

HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Gursky
Michael Lovelady, Erica Hayes, Kelly Kovacs, Daijah Street, Brittany Wilkewitz.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Jastrzab
Brooklyn Isbell, Alexis Jones, Sheila Reeves, Christopher Reyna, Brianna Shreve, Mason Whitmore.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Blackburn
David Forbush, Jory King, Brittany Rodgers, Jessica Sylvester, Tessa Tabor, Adam Thornsbury, Chelsea Tyree, Kanaya Williams.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kline
Derek Bennett, Emily Doyle, Kelsey Hadyniak, Chelsea Hay, Cheyenne Oakley, Samantha Watson, Mary Ann Watts.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Baty
Jasmine Colquitt, Heather Doyle, Stacy Fabinski, Kaleb Heil, Raymont Holt, Kristin Leigh, Rebecca Lewkowicz.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Friebe
Joshua Boila, Samantha Stewart, Phillip Vaghy, Tricia Wanamaker.

Ms. Zimkiewicz
Marion Barksdale, Elizabeth Bentley, Jackie Logan, Janeice McNeal.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten – Mrs. Richard
Rayneisha Abrams, David Druyor, Porsche Hawkins, Estacia Logan.

First Grade – Mrs. Brim
Aaron Arthur, Desiree Clemons, Latosha Hill-Harris, Kevin Littler, Kourtney O'Bryan.

First Grade – Ms. Fritz

Katlyn Crowell, Steven Honeycutt.

Second Grade – Mrs. Montroy

Andrew Burcroff, Briyonne Holt, Miranda Sapp, John Watts.

Second Grade – Mrs. Withey

Derrian Cooley, Jeane Elam, Dayna Hearod, Calvin Logan, Rosalyn Lovelady, Sherrod Mack, Joshua Rodgers, Robert Tomlinson.

Third Grade – Ms. Siegenthaler

Yancey George, Travis Piggee, Kelsey Sharrow.

Third Grade – Mrs. Street

Aprill Arthur, Darrin Crawford, Robert Hayes, Jacob Heil.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Curon Bradford, Rebecca Ward, Sheila Watts.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Jastrzab

Faheem Bennett, Malcolm Martin, Sheila Reeves, Mason Whitmore.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Delano Armstrong, Tanesha Hill-Harris, Jory King.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kline

Kyla Barker, Derek Bennett, Shadif Bennett, Michael Connolly, Kayla Dizney, Cheyenne Oakley.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Baty

Jasmine Colquitt, Kourtney Hamilton, Kaleb Heil, Raymont Holt, Carrie Sawdy.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Friebe

Rachel Arthur, Brittany Heil, Phillip Vaghy, Monique Walker, Tricia Wanamaker.

Mrs. LaBoda

Frances Haener.

Ms. Zimkiewicz

Marion Barksdale, Jacquelyn Logan, Jeaneice McNeal, Javontae Norman.

Cory Elementary

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL (ALL A's)

Third Grade – Ms. Hartman

DaJuan Partee, Jonathon Stone.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Commander

Nicholas Curry.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Roberts

Rodney Cofield, Melissa DuFore, Felicia Olson, Danielle Stephens.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Cheeks

Kia Cunegin, Chelsea Earby, Kyle Sherwood.

HONOR ROLL

Third Grade – Ms. Hartman

Joshua Ball, Kyra Crawford, Briana Glenn, Brooke Graham, Zoatta Hogan, Heather Mason, Dairrein Searcy, Derek Sears, Zachary Williams.

Third Grade – Mrs. Norwood

Luke Blum, Valerie Crawford, Britany Glenn, Michael Henich, Brittni Hillard, Benjamin Hojnowski, Cailyn Mines, Kaessi Torres, Onja'Lesse Warren.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Pluff

Ashley Fowler, Domonique Holmes, Juwan Piggee, Kierstyn Slatinsky, Krystal Wegrzyn, Elizabeth Wein.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Price

Mahelia Benjamin, Rola Emanuel, Caitlynn Lefler, Emmanuel Sanders, Amber Sears, Destiny Swanigan, Nadia Watson.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Roberts

Meriah Chapman, David Ellis.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Commander

Christine Amis, Cody Barnes, Nicole Siemazko, Kaela Torres.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Cheeks

Latesa Burnett, Melissa Cofield, Kallie Harris, Leilah Hunter, Darius Ross, Thomas Slatinsky.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange

Kristen Dubisky, Patrick Farkas, Rose Julius, Nakendra Pinkston, Leroy Talley, Clara Windom.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten – Mrs. Brennan

Briana Bohannon, Gary Logerstedt.

Third Grade – Ms. Hartman

Kyra Crawford.

Third Grade – Mrs. Norwood

Zachary Curry, Les'cia Watkins.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Price

Rola Emanuel, Jasmine Harris, Destiny Swanigan.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Commander

Nick Curry, Raymond Kraft, Olivia Miller, Donnavin Searcy.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Roberts

Melissa DuFore.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Cheeks

Calvin Crawford, Chelsea Earby, Leilah Hunter.

Halecreek Elementary

HONOR ROLL

Fifth Grade – Ms. Carter

Olivia Boler, Filmore Bouldes, Ashley Case, Brittany Charleston, Michal Isaacs, Derek Kinney, Kaitlyn McNulty, Joseph Nicole, Josh Radford, Bilal Siddiqui, Andreaus Tatum.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Fuss

Ashlee Hood, Cody Mortzfield, Candace Poet, Justin Poet, RaShae Pree, Joshua Puhl, Shelby Spicer, Breonn Stephens.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Salhaney

Arianna Diebel, Brianna Grover, Jenna Hopkins, Kyle Huckestein,

Michael Lammers, James McGlynn, Julian Torres.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Mason

Xavier Alexander, Tony Barrios, Barbara Bidwell, LeRoy Eberly, Alfonso Garcia, Sharmae Henderson, Jasmine Hollingsworth, Justin Huckestein, Miranda McDiarmid, Stephona Moran, Katelyn Rogers, Demar Watkins, Korban Williams, Henry Windham.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Sims

Cody Bailey, Tiffany Conradson, April Gondek, Ashley Gondek, Keshia Jackson, Thomas Kortas, Vaughn Liendo, Chenise Smith, Abigail Tieppo, Tempest Willis, Crystal Zimmerman.

Merriman Elementary

HIGH HONORS

Third Grade – Ms. Cox

Kara DeLay, Olivia Madison, Lucas Molic, Cameron Reaves, Aminah Siddiqui, Jaclyn Summerville.

Third Grade – Mrs. Doane

Breaonna Kelly, Fatima Sheikh, Kyle Thompson.

Third Grade – Ms. Prisco

Amille Black, Justice Givhan, Alesha Howington.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

Victoria Chatmon, Shelby Cholette, Emily Dubyak, Chance Dunigan, David Genaw, Scottie Snook.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Misiak

Nathan Bolduc, Raquel Bovee, Demetri Clanton, Kelly DeFrank, Semaja Ford, Shainaya Heard, Holly Henry, Shakiah Ready, Kazam Sheikh, Jakub Skotak, Robert Taylor, Ciara Turner, Tiffany Zanoliti.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Blake

Michael Archie, Roderick Barksdale, Jamie Brewer, Toni Cross, Emily Davis, Valdez Green, Ashley Knick, Stephanie Mortzfield, Patrick Thompson.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva

Jazmine Bass, Melissa Griffith, Christon Landfair, Christina Ottenbreit, Amanda Roehrich, Alise Whalen.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Austin

Mike Behnke, Kentrell Brown, Robert Knick, Amanda Menser, Sasha Wade, Julian Williams.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Bradlee

Stephanie Barnes, Juanita Catalano, Durrell Curry, Jonathon Daugherty, Brittany Dismuke, DaLisa Marks, Whitney Martinez, Danielle Milhem, Brittany Mills, Jeremy Taylor, Dyonna White.

BUG (Bringing Up Grades) ROLL


Second Grade – Ms. Napolitano

Ryan Beesley, Nashad DeYampert-Hill, Sarena Dillon, Grace Jendritz, Angela Langston, Jennifer Lukas, Alec Madison, Shavontae Melchor, Jacob Segur, Chaunthanna White, Marquese Williams.

Second Grade – Mrs. Orme

Marvin Bonner, Joshlyn Booth, Jessica Coatsworth, Tay-Neisha Eaton,

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Romulus Students Honored for Academics, Attendance

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Stephanie Jeffrey, Destiny McMillon, LaShauntee Pearson, DeWandtez Rush, Camille Wilson, Corey Wilson, Jennifer Workman.

Second Grade – Mrs. Smith

Tyler Atkinson, Dazmen Battle, Amber Bussell, Jason Cooke-Thomason, Laura Corpe, Jalen James, Angelic McCullers, Alisha Menser, Nicholas Shotwell, Cierra Toliver.

Third Grade – Ms. Cox

Nicole Coffey, Kara DeLay, Michael Green, Olivia Madison, Aaminah Siddiqui, Seth Urban.

Third Grade – Mrs. Doane

Breaonna Kelly, Fatima Sheikh, Diana Wilson.

Third Grade – Ms. Prisco

Brianna Berge, Amille Black, Karen Cline, Alesha Howington, Robert Langston, Tyler Manier, I'Shaya Vanover.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

Steven Bray, Victoria Chatmon, Shelby Cholette, Aaron Dismuke, Emily Dubyak, Chance Dunigan, David Genaw, James King, Tierrah Landfair, Josh Martinez, Kati Peters, Brian Sharpley, Henry Young, Joshua Williams, Jeremy Wilson.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Misiak

Corey Berge, Courtney Blakeney, Nathan Boldue, Raquel Bovee, Demetri Clanton, James Fox, Duane Hatch, Shainaya Heard, Holly Henry, Jerry Hickman, Shakiah Ready, Chris Washington, Tiffany Zanotti.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Blake

Michael Archie, Valdez Green, Marquis McCain, Stephanie Mortzfield, Sharonda Vesey, Stephen Williams, Javion Wilson.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva

Stephon Archie, Dylan Boyd, Jimmie Card, Gabrielle Dunning, Carmelina Ghanem, Tiara Green, Shon Middlebrook, Velencia Revels-Gooden, Steven Strickland.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Austin

Amy Binder, Joseph Coatsworth, William Lukas, Cortez Turner, JaJuan Whitlow.

ADMIRABLE ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten – Mrs. Hebert

Anthony Godbott, Malaysia Hayes, Joshua Smith, Deven Thompson.

Second Grade – Mrs. Smith

Gabrielle Bradley, Amber Bussell, Laura Corpe, Jalen James, Quentin Robinson, Nicholas Shotwell, Alexis Siemaszko, Cierra Toliver.

Third Grade – Ms. Cox

Kara DeLay, Monique Ellis-Dorr, Shyla Harbin, Careron Reaves, Aaminah Siddiqui, Britton Williamson.

Third Grade – Mrs. Doane

Ryan Binder, Deonta Delaney, Dominique Ellis-Dorr, Ryan Genigeski, Taylor Hardoin, Andre Thomas, Veonica Trammell.

Third Grade – Ms. Prisco

Karen Cline, Danielle Doyle, Diamond Smith.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

Aaron Dismuke, Emily Dubyak, Dustin Foster, Damion Hunter, Josh Martinez, Devonté Rush, Henry Young.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Misiak

Corey Berge, Courtney Blakeney, Levan Card, Demetri Clanton, Shainaya Heard.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Blake

Toni Cross, Emily Davis.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva

Jazmine Bass, Shaun Booth, Jimmie Card, Timothy Dalton, Gabrielle Dunning, Tiara Green, RaeShawn Lightsey, Darien Mecks, Alise Whalen, Ashley Williams.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Austin

Mike Behnke, Amy Binder, Kentrell Brown, Donzell Carter, Trisha Davidson, Alonzo Dixon, Alyssa Green, Amanda Menser, Desiray Vasquez.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Bradlee

Brittany Dismuke, Tierra Hunter, DaLisa Marks, Whitnie Martinez, Danielle Milhem, Miles Revels-Gooden, Dyonna White.

Wick Elementary

ALL A's

Third Grade – Mrs. Albus

Carmen Plank.

Third Grade – Mrs. Otis

Cierra Baxter, Diamond Chandler, Jaiana Powers.

Third Grade – Mrs. Zeleji

Haleigh Baval, Brieanna Boyd, Michael Howell, Eric Wands.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Barnes

Zachary Beregsasy, LeAnne Dawson, Seth Gasser, Alexander Hicks, Jason Moore.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Motyka

Paige Pizzo, Ashley Wagle.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Alguire

Grant Pizzo.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Levi Adams, Quinn Nash.

Fifth/Sixth Grade – Mr. Legg

Jennifer Logan, Joya McNeal.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Redmond

Heather Baval, Alisa James, Sam Pizzo.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Richard

Steven Hawes.

HONOR ROLL

Third Grade – Mrs. Albus

Brandon Brown, Natalia Brown, Kaci Hall, Junaé Harville, Domonique Johnson, Kadajah Jones, Chelsea Roper, Errol Sims, Robert Snyder, Amanda Wagle, BreAna West.

Third Grade – Mrs. Otis

Loren Adams, Talen Brown, Dennis Dixon, Ricky Evanski, Tyler Green, Alanna Hixon, Anthony James, Bryan Moore, Raven Parnell, Amanda Richards, Erica Ross.

Third Grade – Mrs. Zeleji

Renesha Chandler, Dylan Dotson, Shealyn Melville, Antonique Mosley, Tiara Woody, Shelby Woolford.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Barnes

Javonte Belcher, Elea'ele Buford, Dominique Carroll, Tia Evans, Andrew Gelermino, Cyle Hahn, Antonio James, Ayonna Lawrence, Whitney Long, Ashlee Wade.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Motyka

Holly Atchley, Beatrice Boyd, DeAndreay Buckley, Martel Ellis, Sheldon Gage, Briyana Hall, Stuart Nairmore, Nikko Sisler, Alec Staten.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Alguire

Jasmine Abney, Romel Arrington, Deandre Brewer, Christopher Campbell-Fultz, Tina Carter, Kyara Lee, Tamica Mosley, Miranda Snyder, Makayla Williams.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Ryan Bassett, Brad Burcroff, Krystal Burrell, Erica Herren, Joshua Horne, Alisha Moon, Latrice Parnell, Demetrius Price, Asia Shareef, Jon Swagerty.

Fifth/Sixth Grade – Mr. Legg

Nicole Shrader.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Redmond

LaTanya Bellinger, Marwin Boyd, Chris Floyd, Krystal Nault, Darius Osborne, Matt Wagle.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Richard

Dean Burcroff, Kevin Crenshaw, Kristina Hall, Tanisha Hubbard, Arielle Morgan, Justin Price.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

All-Day Kindergarten – Mrs. Wood
Achlee Fultz.

Afternoon Kindergarten – Mrs. Coryea
Ian Kerr.

First Grade – Mrs. West

Jeremy Horne, Rachel Jada, Lorenzo Mosley.

Second Grade – Ms. Williams

Erik Brantley, Aaron Hicks, Earl Smith, Winter Turner.

Third Grade – Mrs. Otis

Cierra Baxter, Diamond Chandler, Taekola Coleman-Gates, Dennis Dixon, Alanna Hixon, Raven Parnell, Jaiana Powers, Amanda Richards, Erica Ross.

Third Grade – Mrs. Zeleji

Michael Howell.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Barnes

Dominique Carroll.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Motyka

Beatrice Boyd, Martel Ellis, Jamarco Stephens, Ashley Wagle.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Alguire

Kyara Lee.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Shanice Anderson, Kiera Crawford, Joshua Horne, Vincent Hoskins, Alisha Moon, Asia Shareef.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Legg

Joya McNeal, Natlie Wilson.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Redmond

Elijah Lee.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Richard

Larry Horne, Tanisha Hubbard, Tiffany Ramsey, Elizabeth Spearman.

Romulus Middle School

ALL A's

Seventh Grade

Candice Bruckner, Jennifer Dick, Jessica Dick, Deanna Kordonis, Rebecca Labo, Aurielle McCauley, Jessica Mills, Anthony Schooley, Devin Searcy, Kevin Stobbe, Brittany Wright.

Eighth Grade

Megan Bearman, Bradley Bills, Ayibatari Burutolu, Jeanna Jendritz, Jonathan McLachlan, Ashley Moss, Timothy Reed, Anne Ross.

HONOR ROLL

Seventh Grade

Shon Aggison, Maurice Anderson, Joshua Arnett-Butscher, Brianna Ashby, Christopher Baker, Patrice Barden, Sarah Berger, Olivia Berry, William Blackburn, Karley Bodis, Andrew Boyd, Amanda Braden, Brienna Bray, Melissa Brewington, Courtnee Briggs, Kerri Britz, Nicole Carroll, Carletta Carter, Kiara Carter, Walter Cholette, Katherine Cobb, LaRhonda Colvin, Daniel Cross, Stacy Davidson, Cortez Dyess, Dekarele Eldridge, Yetunde Emanuel, Larry Franklin, Demaryst Garwood, Angela Gondek, Tiffany Gray, Chantelle Griggs, Sandra Harris, Cordis Hayes, James Hayes, Leslie Hayes, Alyse Hopkins, Antoine James, Joy Jendritz, Jennifer Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Joseph Kiesznowski, Justen Kiser, Dean Kovacs, Joseph

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Eighth Grade

Carla Anderson, Kathryn Appel, Samantha Arnett-Butscher, Amanda Bailey, Whisper Banks, Lauren Belle, Lindsay Beregsasy, Jarran Booker, Landria Buckley, Chanisa Burnett, Jennifer Caloia, Joshua Carroll, Ronald Carter,

Mari Clay, Shaneta Cotton, Benjamin Defelice, Adam Delay, Brian Demoisey, Katherine Drayton, Katrell Duncan, Jason Elwell, Krystin Foster, Ryan Foster, Bradley Garland, Brittney Garrison, Doloris Garry, Carl Gillespie, Amber Gondek, Lindsay Green, Samina Haq, Lester Hardy, Anthony Harris, Nedra Harris, Jeannie Hayes, Jeremy Hollis, Ashley Horyn, Michael Hudson, Jennifer Hunter, Sara Hurt, Jacob Kettlewell, Matthew Koester, Shannon Kowalski, Ronald Kreutzer, Jennifer Lammers, La'Myeishia Lewis, Erica Linton, Christopher Lucaj, Courtney MacDougall, Justin Maupin, Krystle McKay, Jessica Moore, Cory Mortzfield, Tiffany Motsch, Amanda Nowicki, Octayvia Overton, Kristine Plank, Jonathan Rafalski, Anisa Rakic, Richard Reaume, Cecily Ricer, Joshua Rivera, Brian Rodger, Jessica Sears, Stacey Shreve, Patricia Silvey, Krista Smith, Siera Stewart, Beverly Studstill, Dennis Suiter, Jeffrey Taylor,

Diana Thompson, Diamond Washington, Ashlee Wells, Monica Wells, Megan Whalen Qianna Whitley, Corey Williams, Patricia Williams, Quale Williams, Amanda Willingham, Skylar Winter, Jessica Workman.

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Editor's note: The Romulus News welcomes all honor-roll and/or perfect-attendance lists from schools attended by Romulus residents.

To submit your school's lists, mail them to us at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038, or fax them to us at 734-992-2052. □

YARD SALE • YARD SALE

Household items, kids' stuff, bikes, miscellaneous

Friday, May 17
Saturday, May 18

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BBQ Will Benefit "Bikes for Tikes"

Gertrude's Kitchen is inviting the community to attend a "Bikes for Tikes" Barbecue/T-shirt Sale, to be held at the restaurant (located at 9285 Wayne Road, north of I-94) on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Owner Sonya Smith organized the event to raise money for the purchase of bicycles that will be donated to local schools and used as prizes to encourage children to do their best.

Also on hand will be the Salvation Army, which will be giving out tax-credit vouchers for donations of household items, sports equipment, clothing, etc., as well as National City Bank, which will be sharing information about new interest rates, loans, and services.

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 25, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, March 25, 2002, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Debbie Dick.

Roll call showed member Billy McCraight absent (excused). Administrators Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, and William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations, were absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Dick.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

3/02/19 Moved by Berlinn supported by Frayer to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

3/02/20 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer to approve the Minutes of March 11, 2002, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

RESIGNATION: Patricia Barthwell, Sixth-grade Teacher, Romulus Elementary School, Effective June 14, 2002.

3/02/21 Moved by Woods supported by Buckley to approve personnel actions as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FYI: Kathleen Grizzle, Secretary for Reading Grant, Temporary/Non-Union, Non-Benefit Position, Effective March 20, 2002 – June 30, 2002.

Bills for Payment

3/02/22 Moved by Berlinn supported by Buckley to approve Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Window Contract Award

3/02/23 Moved by Berlinn supported by Frayer that the Board of Education approve the low bidder, Llamas Group, for their bid of \$172,740 for the elementary window replacement project. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bus Purchase – Contract Award

3/02/24 Moved by Berlinn supported by Frayer that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Supervisor of Transportation and award bid to Midwest Transit Equipment of Michigan for the purchase of nine 65-passenger buses for a cost of \$56,130.00 each, and two 24-passenger vans for a cost of \$36,998.00 each, for a total of \$579,166.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presentation – Cafeteria

Jo Ann Gross and Jamie Schwabenlender from Aramak Food Services were present to update the Board of Education on the state of the cafeterias in our schools. They also responded to questions posed by members of the Board.

Adolescent Health Center Presentation

Mesdames Vidovic, Nelson, and Schilz from the Romulus Adolescent Health Center were

present to discuss the status of the Health Center with members of the Board of Education. They also responded to questions posed by members of the Board.

Cancellation of April 8, 2002 Board Meeting

3/02/25 Moved by Frayer supported by Buckley to cancel the meeting of April 8, 2002. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Several citizens commented on an ongoing disciplinary investigation at Romulus High School. The student involved has been arrested and is being dealt with by the justice system.

Two citizens expressed concern relative to the school tax on their new homes.

A vendor spoke relative to our contract award for new school buses.

A citizen spoke favoring an athletic eligibility policy congruent with the state policy.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) The Need for Annual Test Results; 2) Thank You to Tom Dolan; 3) Wendy's Art Displays; 4) Service Learning Projects – Halecreek School; 5) Joining Forces to Create a Performance-based Education System; and 6) Adult Ed Newsletter.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Michael Woods asked the Administration and Cafeteria Department to address the need for recycling of paper, plastic, and glass products.

Mrs. Debbie Dick wanted us to send a letter congratulating Philip James Roscoe for achieving the Eagle Scout Award.

Mrs. Dick wanted us to prepare congratulatory resolutions to the Middle School Volleyball Team, Middle and High School Bands, and our Health Occupations Class, and also asked that we prepare a list of upcoming events for the rest of the school year.

Mrs. Dick asked that we send congratulatory letters to three wrestlers for achieving state honors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

3/02/26 Moved by Buckley supported by Frayer to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Superintendent's Evaluation. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:52 p.m. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:53 p.m.

3/02/27 Moved by Berlinn supported by Buckley to accept the evaluation of the Superintendent and place it in his file. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

3/02/28 Moved by Woods supported by Buckley that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Assistants Honored



Among those who attended an "Administrative Assistant Day" luncheon organized by the Romulus Community Schools' famous "Fishettes" were district secretaries (clockwise, from left) Bonnie Bossidis, Paula Smith, Diane Bishop, Dawn Bonam, Lisa Nastal, Stacy Paige, Carole Bales, Lynne Moore, and Eleanore Wilmott.



Also attending the luncheon, which was a fund-raiser for the Romulus Boys & Girls Club, were Club officials (from left) Nick Papadas (Vice-president for Development), Josette Schira (Alumni Coordinator), Frank Rigger (Romulus Club Director), and Dave D'Annunzio (Chairman, Advisory Committee).



(From left) Doris Baker, district secretary; Jeffery Royal, Special Services Director for the district; Midge Hamel, district secretary; and Ellen Merideth, administrative assistant, Express Tool & Die, were among those present at the luncheon.



Also taking part were (from left) Lorraine Wilkerson, district secretary; Merideth; Shirley Lamberson, Transportation Director for the district; Anna Bossidis, Head Bookkeeper for the district; and Karen Jerrod and Autumn Debus, receptionists/secretaries, Express Tool & Die.



Paige (left), secretary at Halecreek Elementary School, was one of many "Administrative Assistant Day" luncheon attendees who enjoyed the opportunity to listen to guest speaker Lila Lazarus (right) from the WDIV-Channel 4 news team.



Other guests included (from left) district secretaries Marilyn Wasson and Hamel; Alfaye Woods, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Michigan Department of Career Development/Rehabilitation Services; and Cheryle Buckley, Treasurer, Romulus Board of Education.

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 734-942-6852.)

Free Calls Offered

The Romulus Senior Center will be offering Romulus seniors five minutes of long-distance or local calls to anywhere in the continental United States *at no charge*. Appointments will be taken for Saturday, May 11, from noon to 1 p.m. Only two cellular phones will be available, and time slots will be limited, so sign up right away if you are interested.

Computers, Internet Service Available

Just a reminder that seniors who need access to a computer to learn or practice new skills may use the computers at the Romulus Senior Center, free of charge. Internet service is also available. Appointments are strongly advised.

Free Computer Class

Students in Thalia Swint's business services and technology classes at Romulus High School are looking forward to working one-on-one with local senior citizens at a free computer class that they will host from 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, at Romulus High School (rooms 605 and 606, across from the cafeteria). Topics covered will include basic computer skills, word processing, and Internet basics. Transportation will be provided. Space is limited, so early sign-up is recommended. To make your reservation, or for further information, please call Ms. Swint at 734-532-1076.

May Luncheon Honors Moms

This month's luncheon at the Romulus Senior Center – set for noon on Wednesday, May 22 – will put the focus on mothers. Romulus Middle School teacher Betty Santo and 10 of her Leadership students will be on hand to help out. A menu of turkey rolls and dressing, stuffed shells, mashed potatoes and gravy, veggies, roll with butter, dessert, and beverage is planned. Cost is just \$5.50 per person. Sign up at the Center if you would like to attend.

Mother's Day Tea

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is giving a Mother's Day Tea in the St. Aloysius Church family room on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. Donation is \$7 per person. For more information, please call the Romulus Senior Center.

Free Oil Change

Auto Lab students at Romulus High School will be offering a limited number of free oil changes to Romulus senior citizens on Friday, May 17, from 8 a.m. to noon. To find out more, call the Romulus Senior Center.

Senior Day at Comerica Park

A limited number of tickets are still available for the Romulus Senior Center's trip to Comerica Park on Tuesday, July 16, to see the Tigers play the Boston Red Sox. A cost of \$12.50 per person will cover transportation, admission, and a bite to eat. Sign up at the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman.

- **Soaring Eagle Casino** (May 18; \$10);
- **Soaring Eagle Casino** (June 11; \$18);
- **City By The Bay** (July 15; \$57);
- **African Lion Safari** (August 22; \$75 adult/\$60 child); and
- **Wisconsin Dells** (August 26-29; \$499).

Club #1 Wants You!

The local senior group known as Club #1 meets at the Romulus Senior Center each Tuesday at 11 a.m. Future meetings will include:

- May 14 (meeting, games, bag lunch);
- May 21 (meeting, games, bag lunch); and
- May 28 (meeting, bingo, pot luck).

New faces are always welcome. ☐

Weekly Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens. They include:

- ceramics (Mondays, 1 and 6 p.m.),
- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 1 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.), and
- euchre (Fridays, 1 p.m.).

TeleCare Program Available

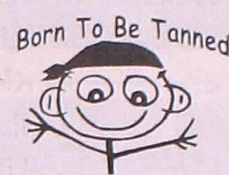
The Romulus Senior Center's TeleCare program provides seniors with daily phone reassurance at no cost. To learn more, call the Center's friendly staff.

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Obituaries**John E. Andrews**

John E. Andrews of New Boston, Michigan, died on Tuesday, April 16, 2002. He was 78 years old.

The former Veterans of Foreign Wars member and avid deer hunter/fisherman was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, on July 14, 1923.

Among those surviving John are his two daughters, Rochelle Lindemann (Huron Township, MI) and Christine (Richard) Modzelewski (Huron Township); one sister, Florence Kelly (Columbiaville, MI); four grandchildren; and one

great-great-grandchild.

Those who predeceased him included his wife, Dorothy Andrews, and two brothers, Eugene and Thomas Andrews.

A funeral mass was held on Friday, April 19, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Elzie E. "Gene" Garland

Elzie E. "Gene" Garland of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, April 21, 2002. He was 76 years old.

The native of Calloway County, Kentucky, was born on February 16, 1926.

Elzie is survived by his wife, Juanita Garland; two sons, Jarold R. and Ronald A. Garland (both of Romulus); one daughter, Peggy S. (Terry) Hickman (Trenton, MI); one brother, John L. Garland (Hazel Park, MI); six sisters, Alberta Donalson (KY), Della May Whitley (TN), Myrtle Willoughby (KY), Alice L. (Thomas) Lax, Hilda Ann (Josephat) Canady (FL), and Rachael (Russell) Moss

(KY); 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Among those who predeceased him were one son, Eugene David Garland; one daughter, Treva A. Rivest; and three brothers, Floyd, Aubry Ray, and Amos Lee Garland.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, April 24, at Calvary Baptist Church (Romulus), with the Reverend Marvin Hawbaker officiating.

Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Betty Jean Harden

Betty Jean Harden of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, April 29, 2002. She was 65 years old.

The life member of the Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary and Belleville Moose Lodge #934 member was born in Huron Township, Michigan, on June 12, 1936.

She is survived by her husband, Douglas Harden, Jr.; one son, James L. Maveal (Rockwood, MI); one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Debra) Wells (Essex, England); three brothers, George (Gibson,

FL), Robert (Huron Township), and Raymond Wood (Huron Township); 17 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, May 2, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with the Reverend David Crane (Ypsilanti Free Methodist Church) officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial tributes may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home. □



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